

## SWEPT BY WIND.

A Northeaster Prevailed at Wrightsville and Carolina Beach on Monday.

### MUCH PROPERTY WAS DAMAGED.

Fifteen Cottages at Wrightsville Were Destroyed and a Number of Others Were Badly Damaged.

Eighteen Buildings at Carolina Beach Wrecked and Others Damaged—Estimate Damage Estimated at Several Thousand Dollars.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Nov. 1.—Authoritative reports from Wrightsville and Carolina Beach says the northeaster which prevailed all of Monday, reached the heights of its fury in that vicinity at 4 o'clock Tuesday morning. Much property was destroyed but no loss of life has been reported. At Wrightsville there are 60 odd cottages and of this number 15 are a total loss and the others badly damaged. The loss is estimated at from \$20,000 to \$25,000. The trestle of the Wilmington Seacoast railroad and track aggregating in extent about three miles, is wrecked and the damage is estimated at from \$40,000 to \$50,000.

At Wrightsville sound, on the mainland, one mile this side of the beach, considerable damage was done, and this loss is estimated at several thousand. The two large summer hotels on the beach were not destroyed, but were damaged to some extent.

At Carolina beach, near the mouth of the river, there are about 25 cottages, boat and club houses, and also a large hotel. About 18 of these were totally destroyed, and the remaining ones were badly damaged. This loss is placed at from \$12,000 to \$15,000. Both beaches were for unately deserted on account of the season.

A special to the Wilmington Star from Southport says that there was considerable damage along the waterfront there by the storm, but no loss of life is reported. A small passenger steamer and a tug were beached. No other news or reports of damage to shipping has reached here.

The Clyde steamer New York, Capt. Ingram, arrived from New York Tuesday afternoon. She encountered the storm off Frying Pan lightship, but rode it out with only slight damage to her cargo of general merchandise.

The damage in this city along the wharves by reason of the high tide Tuesday morning will be quite heavy. The maximum velocity of the wind here was about 60 miles an hour.

At the beaches and at Southport, the velocity was estimated at from 75 to 90 miles per hour.

### TORPEDO BOAT LAUNCHED.

The President, Members of His Cabinet, Gov. Tyler and an Immense Concourse of People Were Present.

RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 1.—The torpedo boat Shubrick was launched here Tuesday in the presence of President McKinley, many members of his cabinet, Gov. Tyler, of Virginia and an immense outpouring of people. The demonstration was marred in some of its features by a heavy rainstorm. The civic carnival parade had to be abandoned until Wednesday owing to the weather and the decorations of the buildings presented a bedraggled and woe-begone appearance. But the people, residents, as well as visitors, from other Virginia cities and points outside the state who came to witness the launching and see the parade, were enthusiastic. The presidential train, as it rolled through the suburbs of the city, the Howitzer battery fired a presidential salute. At Elba station, in the west end, where the president debarked and took a carriage at the Jefferson hotel, he was formally welcomed by Mayor Taylor. The president responded.

Immediately after this ceremony the president and party were driven to the Jefferson hotel and held an informal and somewhat enforced reception in the Franklin street lobby of the building. It is estimated that 1,000 persons shook hands with him before he would permit the police to clear the way for him to go to his private apartments.

### Given a Royal Reception.

BIG TIMBER, Mont., Nov. 1.—The six soldier boys from this city who returned from the Philippines were given a royal reception on their return Tuesday. Each was given a solid gold watch elaborately engraved.

### The Law to Be Tested.

MADISON, Wis., Nov. 1.—The Wisconsin law requiring a deposit of securities with the state treasurer by building and loan associations incorporated in other states is to be tested in the United States supreme court.

Check From the Federal Government. LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 1.—Gov. Poyner has received a check from the federal government for \$14,996.55 to reimburse the state for its expense in mobilizing three regiments for the war with Spain.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—Tuesday's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, \$204,020,002; gold reserve, \$253,453,984.

## AN INFERNAL MACHINE.

One of Ingenious Design Received by Express From Chicago by Mrs. J. W. Hoot, of Waterloo, Ia.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Nov. 1.—A special from Waterloo, Ia., says: An infernal machine of ingenious design was received by express from Chicago Monday evening by Mrs. J. W. Hoot. The machine was in the form of a well-finished cabinet about a foot long. When she pulled the knob to open the drawer a percussion cap exploded, but failed to do any damage. She dropped the package in alarm and later turned it over to the police, who tested the machine Tuesday. Taking it to the river and fastening a rope to the knob, they retreated and pulled the rope. A terrific explosion resulted, throwing rocks over a block and leaving not a particle of the machine. Every building in the vicinity was shaken and residents alarmed.

Mrs. Hoot received a letter at the same time calling attention to the present that would be received. Mrs. Hoot has received strangely worded letters written from the Hotel Morrison, Chicago. The authorities here are investigating, and the Chicago authorities have been notified.

### THE BATTLE SHIP KENTUCKY.

She Was Taken Out on Her Builder's Trial Trip Tuesday—The Sea Was Heavy and the Wind High.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Nov. 1.—The first-class battleship Kentucky went out on her builders' trial trip Tuesday morning. The sea was heavy and the wind high. These conditions prevailed all day preventing any attempt at record running. Under forced draught and in a wind blowing 30 miles an hour, the Kentucky attained a speed of 18 1/2 knots or one-third knot more than required by contract. The Kentucky returned and anchored off Old Point at 6 p.m., the high wind rendering it unwise to attempt to enter the river Tuesday night.

### Express Messenger Robbed.

DENVER, Colo., Nov. 1.—Tuesday night, while the Missouri, Kansas & Texas train from Sherman was in the city limits, a train robber made a murderous assault on Express Messenger Concanon, dealing him a blow which it is thought will prove fatal. When the train arrived at the depot Conductor Romer discovered the messenger on the floor with blood oozing from a ghastly wound. The express car was robbed of a considerable sum of money.

### Gen. Gomez to Write a History of the War.

HAVANA, Nov. 1.—Gen. Maximo Gomez said Tuesday he had a very large quantity of manuscript treating of the warfare in Cuba from 1895 to the date of the American occupation. This he regards as his greatest treasure. Of late he has been going carefully through his papers collecting all data bearing on the subject with a view of writing a history of the revolution as he has known it internally and externally.

### Criticism Gen. White's Tactics.

BERLIN, Nov. 1.—The Berlin papers have had very little to say so far regarding the British disaster at Ladysmith, but they show a disposition to magnify it and to criticize Sir George White's tactics severely upon what one paper styles his endeavor to deceive the public. There is little doubt, however, that in view of Emperor William's coming visit to England, the opinion held in high quarters will influence the newspaper comments.

### Vice President Hobart's Condition.

PATERSON, N. J., Nov. 1.—At midnight Vice President Hobart was sleeping restfully with every prospect of a good night. He is weak, but holding his own. No relapse was anticipated Tuesday night.

At 2:30 a. m., Vice President Hobart was resting quietly. He had slept since 8 o'clock, and Dr. Newton reports his condition improved. A relapse or death is not anticipated within the next 12 hours.

### Option on the Washington Ball Team.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—Michael B. Scanlon, formerly well known in baseball circles here, and representing a local syndicate, has secured an option on the franchise from the Washington baseball club for \$30,000. The option expires on November 4. Earl Wagner, the present owner of the club, expects to return to Philadelphia in order to give more time to his business affairs there.

### Lieut. Col. Yale Promoted.

LONDON, Nov. 1.—The Gazette announces the promotion of substantive Lieut. Col. W. A. Yale to the rank of major general on the staff, to command the 8th brigade of the South African field force, with the substantive rank of colonel in the army.

### Joe Gans Receives a Decision.

NEW YORK, Nov. 1.—At the Broadway athletic club Tuesday night Joe Gans, the colored lightweight of Baltimore, received the decision over George McFadden, of New York, after one of the hardest fights witnessed at this club in a long time.

### Cold Weather Knocks Yellow Fever.

VERA CRUZ, Mex., Nov. 1.—The cold winds that have come up during the past few days have stopped the progress of the yellow fever, and there is much rejoicing. The epidemic, however, has not affected the volume of imports, and stores are large.

## BRITISH DISASTER

The Defeat of Gen. White Causes a Feeling akin to Consternation in Great Britain.

### NEWS FROM THE FRONT IS MEAGER.

Monday Night the Boers Recaptured the Old Position Held by Their Artillery at Ladysmith.

The British Loss in Monday's Battle Must Have Been Very Heavy—Gen. White Was Completely Outgeneraled by Commandant Joubert.

LONDON, Nov. 1.—There was a continuous stream of callers at the war office until a late hour, everybody anxiously inquiring regarding Monday's casualties, but the war office declared that nothing had been received since Sir George White's dispatch communicating the news of the capture of the Royal Irish Fusiliers and the Gloucestershire regiment.

This delay in getting further intelligence is attributed in part to the breakdown of the east coast cable, but it stands to reason that the war office must be possessed of further news, which it is probably not thought advisable should be published as yet.

The disaster has caused a feeling akin to consternation in Gloucestershire and the north of Ireland, where the captured regiments were recruited, the blackest gloom prevails, families awaiting with beating hearts the names of the killed and wounded, which are fully expected to reach a high figure. Many homes are already in mourning in consequence of losses sustained by these regiments in previous engagements.

Public anxiety was increased by a special dispatch from Ladysmith, published in the late editions of the London afternoon papers to the effect that before darkness Monday the Boers recaptured the old position held by their heavy artillery which Gen. White had reported silenced by the guns of the naval brigade from the Powerful and had opened fire again. The dispatch further says:

COL. ROBERT STEPHENSON SMYTH BADEN-POWELL,



COMMANDER OF THE BRITISH FORCES AT MAFEEKING.

"The enemy are again closing in and the situation is one of grave anxiety. Beyond doubt the Boer retirement Monday was a ruse to draw Gen. White into the hilly country and away from the British camp."

This last sentence is significant and confirms the opinion of military experts that Gen. White is allowing himself to be outgeneraled by Commandant Gen. Joubert.

From the scanty advices received up to 11 o'clock p. m. it seems tolerably certain that the disaster was a simple repetition of the battle of Majuba hill, though on a larger scale. The two regiments were allowed to march into a trap set for them. It is simply a case of Boer spider and British fly. In fact, the whole engagement of Monday seems to have been brought on by Commandant Gen. Joubert, who skillfully conceived a gigantic trap out of which, as the official dispatch shows, Sir George White only escaped with difficulty.

Gen. White advanced with the idea of driving the Boers from the hill, seven miles out, which Gen. Joubert made an ostentatious show of fortifying on Sunday.

The Boer commander left a force sufficient to draw Gen. White on while the mass of the Boers he moved stealthily round the British right to deliver a flank attack and to endeavor to cut off Gen. White from Ladysmith. The British commander succeeded in beating off the attack, but only with great difficulty, and during the turning movements his troops suffered from a flanking fire.

Harsh things are said in military circles of the British tactics, which have made possible the ambush of the 18th Hussars at Glencoe and now the loss of two fine regiments.

It is feared that Sir George White is

no match for the Boers in that cunning by which Boer tactics are conceived, and it is pointed out that if the British commanders continue to lead their men into obvious traps further disasters must be looked for.

Sir George White's honest admission of full responsibility and terms of his dispatch are regarded in some circles as virtually placing his case in the hands of the home authorities and it was even rumored late Tuesday evening that the war office has already decided to supersede him. The report however is discredited in well informed quarters. About 6,000 fresh troops will arrive at Cape Town on Sunday next from England and will be available to reinforce Sir George White. Transports will arrive there daily after Sunday, until by the end of next week 28,000 troops will have been landed in South Africa. These men are intended for Gen. Sir Redvers Buller's army, but they will undoubtedly be detached to Natal if the situation there should become perilous.

The British army will eventually reach the huge total of 69,634, of which 69,634 will be regulars and the other 20,000 miscellaneous, but excellent, colonial troops.

The Morning Post calls attention to Sir George White's use of the word "capitulation," remarking that it suggests the word was used carelessly. It says: "We prefer to assume that the column fought until it was cut to pieces and all the ammunition was gone. Capitulation is a word of shame. Troops in the field can not capitulate without disgrace and disaster is not necessarily dishonor."

### SPAIN CLAIMS ISLANDS.

The Philippine Commission Says They Are Not Worth Negotiating For, as They Are of No Material Benefit.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—The islands in the Philippine group referred to in the Madrid dispatch as not having been included in the treaty ceding the archipelago to the United States are not regarded by the members of the Philippine commission as of any importance, and no regret, they say, need be felt if the statement should prove correct. The opinion was expressed by one of the commissioners Tuesday night that the islands referred to are not worth negotiating for, as they would not be of any material benefit. They are not

thickly populated, and their commerce is small, as the islands are out of the way of the regular ocean travel. The terms of the peace treaty placed the northern boundary of the limit of cession along or near the 20th parallel of north latitude. The islands of the Batanes group are north of latitude 20, and if the parallel should be strictly adhered to they would not fall within the scope of the treaty. A careful study of the maps prepared in Manila for the use of the commissioners fail to disclose the Catalan islands. The suggestion is made that the territory meant is the Calayan islands, belonging to the Babuyan group, which, lying south of the 20th parallel, come within the scope of the treaty.

### Withdrawing Militia.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Nov. 1.—Col. Jas. R. Smith, who was sent to Marion and Cartersville last week to report on the strike conditions returned Tuesday afternoon and made his report to Gov. Tanner. Acting on Col. Smith's report, Gov. Tanner ordered the withdrawal of all of Company B 4th infantry, from Cartersville except 20 men. The soldiers now on duty at the jail in Marion will be retained.

### Four Firms Burned Out.

CHICAGO, Nov. 1.—The five-story building at 39-43 West Washington street, occupied by the Empire steam carpet cleaning works, M. McGregor & Co., manufacturers of machinery; Frank Swift & Co., saw manufacturers; and Becker Bros., electrical engine manufacturers, burned Wednesday morning. Loss \$125,000.

### Glad of the British Reverse.

VIENNA, Nov. 1.—The general public throughout Austria, so far as can be judged from the utterances of the press, seems rather glad that the British have met with a reverse.

## SHORT SPECIALS.

The marine hospital service Tuesday raised the quarantine against New Orleans.

The New Orleans board of health Tuesday reported one new case of yellow fever and no deaths.

Henry Adams Neeley, bishop of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of Maine, died at 9 o'clock Tuesday night.

The New Orleans arrived at Punta Delgada, Azores, Tuesday on her way to Manila. The Monocacy has arrived at Hankow, China.

Capt. Dyer has been relieved from his assignment as commandant of the Havana naval station owing to ill health.

Receivers have been appointed for the Heaton Peninsula Manufacturing Co., of South Boston, makers of shoe machinery. No statement of liabilities has been made.

The 4th infantry arrived at San Francisco Tuesday and went into camp at the presidio. The 51st Iowa regiment will be paid off and mustered out Wednesday and will start for home.

Friends of "Young" Griffio, the Australian pugilist who, some months ago, became insane, says that his mental faculties are almost restored, and are interesting themselves to procure his release.

A party of about 100 Indians, mostly from the North and South Dakota reservations, are stranded at Omaha, and Special Indian Agent Jenkins has been ordered from Pine Ridge to secure their return to the agencies.

Fire broke out in the Webster house, a small hotel on St. James street, Montreal, causing the death of three persons, the probable fatal injury of a fourth, while half a dozen others sustained minor injuries.

The Brazilian foreign minister, Gen. De Castro Cerqueira, and the Bolivian minister, Rio de Janeiro, Senor Paravicina, have signed a protocol settling the boundary question between their respective countries.

The gold output of the Cripple Creek district in October was \$2,001,000. This is the first month's production that has exceeded \$2,000,000. It is estimated that the total of the year will not fall short of \$18,000,000.

The president of the government board of London, Rt. Hon. Henry Chamberlain, speaking Tuesday evening at Manchester on the war, expressed his intense satisfaction at the friendly relations of Great Britain with the United States and Germany.

Headquarters and 10 companies of the 43rd volunteer infantry, now on duty at Fort Ethan Allen, Vt., have been ordered to proceed to New York city and there embark for the Philippine Islands on the transport Meade, November 15.

Two hundred employees of the Story & Clark Piano Co., Chicago, went on a strike Tuesday, and it is probable that their action will be followed by the workmen in several other local factories. The men presented a new schedule to the manufacturers some time ago, and the time for signing and returning it expired Tuesday.

### The Orders Changed.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—The recent orders assigning Col. Samuel G. Sumner, 6th cavalry, military attaché of the United States embassy at London, to duty with the British army in the Transvaal, have been revoked. Capt. S. L. Stum, 8th cavalry, military attaché at Vienna, has started for the Transvaal, and probably will be the only United States military representative at the seat of war.

### Capt. Nicoll Ludlow Retired.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—Capt. Nicoll Ludlow has been retired with the rank of rear admiral in the navy on his own application after 30 years service, and under the terms of the personnel bill conferring one grade in rank in case of such retirement. Capt. Ludlow is a son-in-law of Mrs. Wash McLean and brother-in-law of Mrs. Hazen.

### She Ended the Fight.

SYCAMORE, Ill., Nov. 1.—Peter Wildren, of Virginia, while drunk Monday night attacked his two stepdaughters with a knife. While he was slashing the older girl the younger picked up a hammer and buried it in Wildren's skull, inflicting a serious wound and ending the battle. Wildren will recover.

### American Schooner Ashore.

NASSAU, New Providence, Nov. 1.—The American schooner Celina, Capt. Murray, of Bath, Me., from Philadelphia, October 9, for Galveston, is ashore off Abaco and signaling for assistance, but is not approachable.

### THE MARKETS.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 31.  
FLOUR—Spring patent, \$3.85; 4.15; spring fancy, \$3.15; 3.30; winter family, \$2.50; 2.75; winter patent, \$3.40; 3.75; extra, \$2.00; 2.25; low grade, \$1.75; 1.90; northwest rye, \$2.50; 2.75; do city, \$2.10; 2.25.  
WHEAT—Sales: No. 2 red, track, 71c.  
Hogs—Select shippers, \$4.20; 4.35; select butchers, \$4.25; 4.30; fair to good packers, \$4.20; 4.25; fair to good light, \$4.05; 4.10; common and rough, \$3.90; 4.00.  
CATTLE—Fair to good shippers, \$4.00; 4.10; good to choice butchers, \$4.40; 4.50; fair to medium butchers, \$3.60; 3.75; common, \$2.75; 2.85.  
SHEEP—Extras, \$3.75; 3.85; good to choice, \$3.00; 3.10; common to fair, \$2.00; 2.15.  
LAMBS—Extras, \$3.00; 3.10; good to choice, \$2.20; 2.30; common to fair, \$1.25; 1.35.  
VEAL CALVES—Fair to good light, \$3.00; 3.10; common and large, \$2.50; 2.65.  
CHICAGO, Oct. 31.  
WHEAT—December, 70c; May, 74c.  
CORN—October, 21c; November, 21c; December, 21c; January, 21c; May, 24c.  
OATS—October, 21c; November, 21c; December, 21c; May, 24c.



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### LOST.

LOST—Between home of Miss Lizzie Hyatt and the Collins & Rudy Printing Mill, a book and pocket book. Finder please return to this office and receive reward. oct29 1w

LOST—Sunday night between Mitchell's Theatre and Walnut at small gold watch, set with pearls with chain attached. Return to Miss CALIA STRICKLAND. oct29 1w

LOST—Between home of A. C. Respass on E. Washington Pike and residence of A. H. Thompson, half dozen photographs. Loss at office of W. W. Baldwin. oct29 1w

LOST—On Front street Monday morning an Overcoat. Finder will be liberally rewarded at Central Hotel. oct29 1w

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